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CONFIDENCE trick men, and other persons who prey upon their fellows, require a succession of new and inexperienced victims, else their occupation gone, for "a burnt child dreads the fire." In beginning with this illustration, apropos missionaries and education, we do not want to suggest that there is a personal analogy, but only that the bad men and the good men share one requirement: they depend for success on a constant supply of new material. We do not want for a moment to suggest that there is anything in the missionary interest in education in China that suggests the confidence trick, but we are going to try to show that it is too much to say, as has been claimed, that "the pioneer work in modernizing the educational system of China entitles the missionary body to the fullest meed of honour." We say that they are not entitled to claim or expect praise or honour, for their interest in education has been and is directly a self interest—their enthusiasm for their own theological opinions. If they educate the young Chinaman, it is because they desire to "convert" him. They are, we submit, no more concerned for education itself than was Bishop HORSLEY in 1795, who "did not know what the mass of the people in any country had to do with the laws but obey them." In England up to a comparatively recent date the Church was slow to heed the demand of the masses for the teacher. It was not until the intelligence should be universal. When that demand became too strong to be ignored, and the Church took it up, it was with the intention primarily of con-

trolling that teacher. If popular education had to come, it must be the handmaid of dogma. The children of England were to be permitted to learn in order that they might first of all "read the Bible and the formularies of the Church." The purpose of all educational agencies was to Christianize; it was but an incident that they also helped to educate. So it is in China to-day, where the cause of education is less threatened by Chinese prejudices than by the foreign prejudices of the missionaries. There has been less native reaction in connection with the demand for foreign knowledge than in anything else, and what success the missionary effort can boast has been chiefly due to what they bring, as was also the case in Japan, where their artful pupils—or patients, to adjust the metaphor—swallowed the educational jam and spat out the dogmatic pill. In China, too, we have no doubt, it is the treacle they want, and not the brimstone. But that the missionaries merely offer the first to induce the Chinese to swallow the second has been made apparent at the centenary conference at Shanghai. One of the missionaries naïvely admitted in a paper that their immediate purpose is more easily pursued among a "superstitious multitude" than among "an agnostic, educated class." It was a similar recognition that made the church unsympathetic towards popular enlightenment in England to begin with; "the more we know, the more we know we don't know." The forlorn hope of dogma is to control the fountains of knowledge, to doctor the food of babes and sucklings; and we have seen how tenaciously it can fight to hold this last trench. Ecclesiasticism is under notice to quit, however, in British schools; the German educational system spued it long ago; France is even more emancipated; Switzerland was a pioneer of non-sectarian instruction; American public instruction has been a model since it knocked that clog off the wheel; and Japan's case we have already mentioned. In China, fortunately, there is little prospect of the important work of education being so hampered. A representative committee of missionaries is now considering how to get a Christian University established in China, but even pro-missionary journals are against it. The N.C. Daily News says:—

A Christian institution subsidised by a non-Christian Government in opposition to that Government's own non-Christian institution presents a palpable anomaly, opening the way for much bitterness and friction at the expense of both religion and education. Not less liable to misconception and dangerous to international harmony would be the creation of a University looking for its support entirely to foreign sources. Its presence would be a perpetual humiliation to China.

Christian students are not debarred from Chinese higher colleges and provincial universities, we believe, so long as they are willing to heed the Confucian observances and to render unto Caesar the things that are his. The missionaries, however, instruct them that they cannot conscientiously bow to the tabernacles representing royalty. It is too late in the day to advocate reverence for royalty, or regard for the "divine right of kings," but the missionaries ought to be the last to discredit it. A student with an intellect capable of attaching conscientious importance to such formalities is little likely to benefit by instruction in any university; there would seem to be a crack in his head to begin with; and that there are missionaries who can fuss about such unimportant trifles only shows how unfitted they are to teach. The mere proposal to found a University, from which non-Christian students are to be excluded, is sufficient proof for us that the educational zeal of missionaries is a pretence; it is the wolf of propagandism in an educational sheepskin; and it debars them, we maintain, from the honour they claim for work done, and from sympathy for work projected.

The 21st plague fatality was recorded yesterday.

Public billiard tables in Perak are to be licensed from July 1 at the rate of \$5 a quarter.

The Utah Legislature has enacted a law making the game of Bridge illegal. The penalty is fixed at five years' imprisonment.

The opening sentence in a recent leader in the *Moulmein Advertiser* appeared as follows:—"Capt. Lee, I.A., arrived last Monday as Special Plague Officer, and it was quite time he died (did)." The apology for the error duly appeared next day.

We have received two provisional schedules from the Hongkong Horticultural Society, one for the Chrysanthemum Show to be held towards the end of this year, the other for the general show in the latter part of February next. Intending exhibitors will find in them the usual information required by them in advance.

With reference to the report that the Kaiser's fifth son, Prince Oscar, is about to make a tour in the United States, the newspapers publish a statement according to which there is no question of his Royal Highness going to America. It would seem that the intention existed, and still exists, that Prince August Wilhelm, the Emperor's fourth son, should visit the United States and devote part of his stay there to pursuing his studies at Harvard University.

The Times Peking correspondent says on April 5th: The case of the murderous attack upon Mr. Horne and Mr. Endie near Amoy on June 18th of last year has been settled. The British Minister was unable to attach blame to the local authorities, and therefore made no demand for compensation, but he suggested that the case might be dealt with as an act of grace. The Chinese have now made a compassionate allowance of \$10,000 (about £1,000) for Mr. Horne and \$1,000 (about £100) for Mr. Endie. The offer has been accepted and the incident is closed.

Plague appears to be very prevalent at Macao this year. We learn that the daily average number of cases is now about 50. From Monday noon to Tuesday noon the number reported was 60. It has been claimed that throughout the years since 1894, while Hongkong and Canton have suffered severely from plague, the city of Macao has enjoyed almost complete immunity. This year Macao seems to be suffering very badly, while Hongkong has not had more than 21 cases since the beginning of the year, and Canton appears to be similarly free from the disease.

The late Mr. Louis Spital's beautiful town residence, Inverness House, Hyde Park, upon which he spent a small fortune in artistic fittings and elaborate decorations, is to be sold. The work was only completed a short time before his death, and the whole is in perfect order. The property possesses several interesting features, including a bijou theatre, properly supplied with stage procession and dressing rooms, sumptuously fitted and capable of seating nearly seventy persons. The sale has been entrusted to Messrs. Hampton and Sons.

After a year's deliberation, the Thuringian Governments have sanctioned the plea of the Senate of Jena University to admit women to matriculation on the same conditions as those in vogue for men. In future, therefore, women with the necessary qualifications may follow the ordinary course of study at the Jena University for the degree of Doctor of Jurisprudence, Medicine, and Philosophy. Hitherto, as is the case in Prussian Universities, women had been admitted to Jena only as "auditors" at the Philosophical Faculty, Baden and Bavaria being the only German States, which placed women on an equal footing with men.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Col. W. Scott Moncrieff and Officers, the Band of the Third Battalion "The Duke of Cambridge's Own" (Middlesex Regiment) will play the following programme of music during dinner at the Hongkong Hotel, to-morrow evening:—  
Overture: "French Comedy" ... Kelsa Bela  
Yale ... "La Stravinsky" ... Kelsa Bela  
Selection: "Yeomen of the Guard" ... Sullivan  
Song: "St. Agnes Eve" ... Sullivan  
Cavatina (for 2) ... "Anna Bolena" ... Donizetti  
Two Steps ... "Maquita Parade" ... Whitney  
Selection: "The Earl and the Girl" ... Monty  
Melody in "F" ... Rubinstein

A Vevey correspondent, describing the serious disturbances which arose out of the strike of Swiss chocolate makers, says: "The strikers paraded with the intention of marching to Montreux, where there are other factories. They left Vevey carrying a red flag, and were followed by a company of infantry. At the Hotel du Lac they were stopped by troops, who seized their flag. One man who threatened an officer with a revolver was wounded by a bayonet thrust. On account of an attempt made by the strikers to raid the works of Messrs. Nestlé, whose men showed no inclination to join the strike, strong military guards were furnished to those factories, and also to the Peter's and Kohler's works."

The American Constitution is, like the British, a good deal more talked of than understood. The many Irishmen who still flock to the States, and seek naturalisation, are all supposed to know the Constitution of the States from A to Z. And, of course, they do not. Probably the case is typical in which a candidate for naturalisation was asked first the meaning of a republic, then of a monarchy, then several other simple questions, and showed complete ignorance upon all. At last the weary official handed a copy of the Constitution to the applicant's sponsor. "Take your friend outside," he said, "and instruct him a little." The two were absent a quarter of an hour, then returned beaming. "It's all right, sir," said the sponsor; "I've read the Constitution to him, and he's very pleased with it."

The decision against the revival of "The Mikado" at the Savoy is having important results, says a facetious contemporary. The Scotch are asking why their late monarch Mac Beth should be held up to contumely on the boards of an English theatre. Petitions are already being signed at Aberdeen, Peebles, and Ben Mac Whiskie, urging Mr. Tree to desist from his contemplated impersonation of the homicidal Thane. Feeling runs high in Copenhagen against Mr. H. B. Irving, our latest Hamlet. Patriotic Danes object to being reminded that they once possessed a semi-insane Crown Prince. And yet we English are so sympathetic that we allow the representatives of Richard III., Charles I., Jack, Henry VIII., and other rulers, whose characters would debar them from membership of the National Liberal Club, in our own metropolis!

On Wednesday afternoon a coolie employed in the Commissariat Department was seriously injured. Along with three others he was carrying a bookcase from the Department to Victoria Barracks and rounding a corner near the Barracks his foot slipped and he fell, the bookcase coming down on his head and neck. He was attended to by Dr. Rankin, of the A.M.C., and was afterwards removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

The brigand chief, Lau Yuk-ting, who lost his liberty in an unsuccessful attempt to extort money by threats from Mr. Sion Ting, the dentist, at his house at Wanchai, and for whose extradition to China on charge of armed robbery in the Heungshan district application has been made, was on Wednesday afternoon committed to prison pending the decision of H.E. the Governor as to his being handed over to the Chinese authorities.

The embargo on American tinned food has been removed by the British War Office, and Chicago meat has again been admitted as a ration for the Army. Exhaustive inquiries into the method of packing under the new pure food law of America were made by British officers sent to Chicago by the Government, and it is owing to the satisfactory nature of their reports that the authorities returned to America for supplies.

A notification was circulated in the environment of the Canton Eastern gate to the effect that the Government is desirous of turning that quarter into a business quarter, and that owners of rice fields and other properties unutilised are to bring their deeds to the responsible authorities for valuation. Officials were to examine such deeds in a temple near by. On the evening of the 4th instant a large crowd gathered around the temple clamouring for a withdrawal of the order. Both the Kwong Chow Brigadier General and Pao Yu Magistrate deserved much credit for the way they quelled the trouble.

The remains of Major William Murray, of Osmeley Manor, Milton, near Lymington, were cremated at Woking on April 3rd. He was eighty-seven years of age, and formerly belonged to the 9th Regiment, and after that to the 10th Hussars. His death recalls the Great Northumberland Street tragedy of July, 1881, which has been described as "the bloodiest hand-to-hand fight on record." Major Murray was involved into the office of a mad moneylender, who shot him twice, after which a terrible combat ensued. With the aid of a pair of tongs and a large bottle, the Major felled his would-be assassin, and with the help of some passing workmen contrived to escape through the window. He was conveyed to Charing Cross Hospital, whither the police soon brought his dying assailant. At the inquest a verdict of justifiable homicide was returned.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## AUSTRALIAN DOGS.

[TO THE EDITOR, "DAILY PRESS"]

SIR,—If it is not irreverent to reflect on the knowledge canine of your Paines Judge, I would say that in your report this morning His Lordship seems to have been a bit mixed in the dog case.

A "dingo" is the Australian wild dog, irrefragable, of no use to man.

A "kangaroo-dog" is a dog specially bred from deerhound stock, to hunt that marsupial.

A "cattle dog" seems often to have a strain of "dingo" in him, but I am not sure that it is more than a resemblance.

Dogs prices depend on the supply and on individual fancy and demand. \$150 is not an extravagant price for a kangaroo-dog; it would never buy a trained cattle-dog. Mr. Justice Wise says \$5 is enough for a "yo" in Hongkong; I will give him \$6 for as many as he can import here.

The particular dog in this case is a kangaroo-dog. I would not give \$150 for it, as I consider it undervalued.

Ten Dollars (£1) is the common price for mere puppies of that breed, however, and a grown dog, delivered in Hongkong, might be worth anything.—Yours &c.,

VEE JAY AUST.

## CANTON.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

May 8th.

**THE FATAL EXPLOSION.**  
Chao Wai Po of the "Fong Bin" Benevolent Society has allocated a large sum to be spent in recovering corpses from the ruin of the gunpowder magazine explosion. He has also taken photographs of all the unclaimed bodies, to be exhibited at the door of the various benevolent institutions for identification.

**MINISTER LIANG'S RETURN TO CANTON.**  
"Sir Liang," the Chinese Minister at Washington is expected to arrive in Canton with his family very soon. It is stated that his term of office has expired, and that he returns to China to await another appointment.

**EXEMPTION OF RAILWAY MATERIALS FROM DUTY.**

Viceroy Chow has been notified by the Board of Agriculture and Commerce that no duty should be levied on materials imported into Canton for railway purposes. This will also be the rule in all other railway districts of China.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO RICE FUND.**  
At the conclusion of the banquet at the Chamber of Commerce on the 5th instant, very liberal contributions were made towards the fund for the cheap sale of rice to the poor. Messrs. Herbert Dent & Co., Butterfield and Swire, and the Bank of Indo-China, are the most prominent subscribers.

**CUTTING ELECTRIC WIRES.**  
At a short distance from the School of Constabulary, in the North Gate, two men were caught cutting electric wires, and handed to the Police.

## TELEGRAMS.

[“DAILY PRESS” EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]

## FRENCH LINER WRECKED.

LONDON, May 9th.

The French liner *Polton* has been wrecked off Uruguay, and one hundred people were drowned.

## INDIAN AGITATORS BANISHED.

LONDON, May 9th.

Two Rawal Pindi agitators have been deported.

## THE RAND STRIKE.

LONDON, May 9th.

The Rand strike is spreading.

## PENANG EDITOR DEAD.

SINGAPORE, May 9th.

Mr. E. F. Skerchly, editor of the *Strait Echo*, Penang, is dead, of meningitis.

[Mr. Ethelbert Forbes Skerchly was formerly on the *Hongkong Telegraph*. He was only 35 years old. He got part of his education at Dalhousie College.]

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

## FRANCE AND JAPAN IN THE FAR EAST.

LONDON, May 7th.

M. Pichon confirms the statement that Franco-Japanese negotiations, with a view to the recognition of French interests in the Far East, are progressing at Tokyo, although the conclusion of the negotiations is not considered imminent.

## PRINCE FUSHIMI'S VISIT.

LONDON, May 7th.

Prince Fushimi has arrived in London. The Prince was welcomed by the staff of the Japanese Embassy, the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, and Sir Edward Grey.

LATER.

Prince Fushimi accompanied by the Princess of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Arthur, drove direct to Buckingham Palace, followed by the suites. The Prince took tea with the King, who received him with great state, and extended the most hearty welcome. The King returned the visit at St. James's Palace, and conferred on Prince Fushimi the Cross of the Order of the Bath.

Yesterday's proceedings have been the text for further most cordial articles in the *Standard*, *Morning Post* and *The Tribune*.

The *Standard* gives a tribute of welcome to the Franco-Japanese understanding, which as a supplement to the Anglo-Japanese alliance is in every way satisfactory.

## THE BRITISH NAVY.

LONDON, May 7th.

Capt. Craig asked in the House of Commons, whether, in view of Prince Buelow's statement, Great Britain intends to proceed immediately with the building of a third *Dreadnought*. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman said in reply, that Great Britain, like Germany, desires to avoid any action embarrassing to another Power, and that he was not prepared at present to make any further statement.

## CANADA.

LONDON, May 7th.

The strike of coal miners in West Canada has been settled.

## MISS ELLEN TERRY.

LONDON, May 7th.

It is announced that Miss Ellen Terry was secretly married to Mr. James Carew, the leading man of her Company, at Pittsburgh, on the 22nd March. Mr. James Carew was 32 years old at the time of the marriage.

## IRISH LAND BILL.

LONDON, May 7th.

Mr. Birrell has introduced an Irish Land Bill establishing a Council of 82 elected and 24 nominated members, possessing no legislative power, but controlling eight departments of the Administration, including Local Government, Agriculture, and Education, but not that of the Supreme Court and the Constabulary.

## THE BOARDING HOUSE MURDER.

A different aspect has been thrown on the murder of a Japanese in a hotel in Connaught Road Central by the fact that in addition to the four men charged with murder seven others are charged with being accessories after the fact. Yesterday, after several remands, the prosecution was opened before Mr. Hassland at the magistracy. Mr. P. P. J. Wedehouse conducted the case for the police, and Mr. P. W. Goldring appeared for the defendants.

Mr. Wedehouse stated that about 9.30 p.m. on 4th April P.C. Conlin was called by the inmates to the house, 58 Connaught Road Central, and on entering found on the verandah of the third floor the deceased, who was severely wounded. He was at once removed to the hospital, but died on the way. Deceased was a man of doubtful character—in fact, he dealt in Japanese women in the Colony. On the 3rd April, the day before the murder, he brought three Japanese girls to the boarding house in Connaught Road Central, and on the following night, between seven and eight o'clock, he returned to the house, accompanied by the first defendant, who remained on the second floor, while the deceased proceeded upstairs to the third floor to see the girls. About an hour later the second, third and fourth defendants came to the house and joined the first defendant on the second floor, where were also the mistress and a servant boy, both Japanese. The fourth defendant asked for something to drink, and beer was brought from the ice chest by the boy. The deceased came down from the third floor and joined the party. They all sat down at the table, the fourth defendant and deceased sitting together on a mat while the others occupied chairs. The fourth defendant offered deceased a glass of beer, and the police alleged that while he was in the act of drinking this the four men set upon him. The mistress and the boy were frightened at the quarrel and ran upstairs and shut themselves in a cloakroom. After about an hour's absence the mistress returned to the room and saw that the four defendants were still there. She noticed blood on their clothes and there were signs of a struggle having taken place. The first and fourth defendants, who came to the house in Japanese clothes, had taken off their kimonos, and were dressed only in singlets and loin cloths. The third defendant, who wore European clothes, had made no change in his dress. A few remarks passed between the mistress and the four men and the latter left the house. About 10.30 that night the second, third and fourth defendants went to deceased's house at 38, Queen's Road East and asked the woman who lived with him where he was. She told them that she did not know, and they proceeded to search the house for him. They appeared to be excited and angry, and said they would kill him if they found him. After they had finished searching the house they went off, taking with them some swords found on the premises. In the early morning of the 10th April the second and third defendants were arrested in the Buddhist temple in Morrison Hill Road, and the day following, the first defendant was captured just as he was preparing to go to Singapore, on the second floor of the house at 58, Connaught Road Central. The fourth defendant was not arrested till the 19th ultimo, when he was found concealed in the coal bunker of the s.s. *Yengma* at Quarry Bay.

Mr. Goldring said he was not going to ask very much but he would like to know what the accessories were charged with. If the police were not going to make out a strong case against them he would ask his Worship to consider the legal point straight away. His Worship replied that he could not consider the legal point in a case of murder until all the evidence had been given. It was intimated that his Worship would at every afternoon until the case was finished. Evidence was then called for the prosecution, and the case adjourned.

## RAILWAYS IN CHINA.

Following was a *Times* wire dated Peking April 5th:—An Imperial Decree issued on Monday transfers the negotiations for the Anglo-German loan for the construction of the Hsiao-Tsing-Yang-tze trunk line from the Ministry of Communications in Peking to the Viceroy of Yunnan. The former because he is Viceroy, the latter because he is a native and chief of the gentry of the Chi-li province.

Thus early the new Ministry of Communications has failed to realise the hopes with which its creation was welcomed. Other reasons than the death last week of its president, Chang Po-hai, are needed to explain the policy of retreating the negotiations for a railway of national importance to the provincial authorities. There is no reason to doubt that Yuan Shih-kai desires the railway to be built, but Chang Chih-tung only last January memorialised the throne against its construction, chiefly on the ground that it would impair the earning power of the Peking-Han-kou railway, from which it is separated by an average distance of nearly 200 miles. The preliminary contract for this railway loan of £7,000,000 was signed on May 18th, 1899, and the negotiations for the final contract were continued over several years, towards the end of last year they were within sight of completion when they were delayed by the creation of the new Ministry, and now they are indefinitely postponed by being taken out of the hands of that Ministry.

The route of the railway will be for one-third of its distance through the Kiang-su province, a fertile and densely populated country, a portion of which is now, unhappily, ravaged by famine due to the disastrous floods, and would alleviate the immense suffering of tens of thousands who are perishing because of the absence of adequate means of communication. The Chinese Government, indifferent to the sufferings of its own people, obstructs the construction of the railway because of its association with foreign capital and supervision, yet sanctions pitiful appeals to charitable foreigners for relief of the distress which would never have attained its present proportions had the railway been in existence.



## SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, May 9th.

## IN BANKRUPTCY.

BEFORE SIR FRANCIS PIGOTT  
(CHIEF JUSTICE).

APPLICATION FOR DEBTOR'S RELEASE.  
Re the San Cheung Firm *ex parte* the debtor.  
Mr. P. W. Goldring (of Messrs. Goldring and Harlow) moved on behalf of one, Lo Ming, for his release from Victoria Jail. He stated that in November last a similar application was made for this man's release. The debtor was, at the time of making application for his release, in jail under execution for a civil debt. His Lordship considered since November that there were not sufficient grounds for releasing him.

His Lordship—Why did I refuse?  
Mr. Goldring—I am applying on the grounds that the man cannot be left indefinitely in jail on your Lordship's order.

His Lordship—How long has he been in jail?  
Mr. Goldring—Since October last, and you cannot allow a man to languish in jail for ever.

His Lordship—Six months is not for ever.  
Mr. Goldring—I would ask your Lordship either to make an order for his immediate release, or to limit the date of his imprisonment.

His Lordship—Limiting the date would destroy the object of putting him in prison. He is put in for the purpose of exercising pressure on him.

Mr. Goldring—He has filed his statement of affairs, and his attitude is that he cannot do any more.

Mr. Harston—I am instructed to oppose this application by Messrs. Shawan, Tomes and Co., and before your Lordship decides I should like you to hear me.

His Lordship—What are the assets?  
Mr. Goldring read an affidavit which showed that \$900 had been collected by the trustee in bankruptcy, and said he understood the principal ground why the debtor's release was objected to was because he did not lend all the assistance he might have done to the Official Receiver.

His Lordship—The ground on which he was put in jail was because he did not pay his judgment debt.

Mr. Goldring—That was the original ground, but when your Lordship made the order I understood it was advanced that he should have lent more assistance to the Official Receiver. It is rather a difficult thing for a man in jail to assist the Official Receiver. He has just to keep him indefinitely in jail. He has already served as much imprisonment as he might have done if indicted and convicted.

His Lordship—Unfortunately I have not got the making of these laws.

Mr. Harston—The debtor obtained goods from Messrs. Shawan, Tomes and Co. to the extent of over \$10,000, and to his own knowledge he had not the slightest prospect of paying. On these circumstances your Lordship made the order that he should find \$5,000 security or be committed to prison. I submit that if Mr. Goldring wants to bring the matter properly before you he should apply for his discharge. The man has been adjudged bankrupt, and the public examination closed.

His Lordship—The best thing is to bring the man up, and apply for his discharge.

## EXCESSIVE RENT.

Re Esther Oliver *ex parte* the debtor.  
Mr. E. J. Grist (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) asked his Lordship to adjourn this debtor's petition for a receiving order. The grounds on which the petition was filed were that the debtor, who was a publican here, has a lease for certain premises. The rent on these was so much that she found it could not make the business pay, but the matter was now under negotiation. Under the circumstances she had no other course than to file her petition to get relief.

## ADJOURNMENT GRANTED.

## AN INTERESTING STORY.

Re Cheong Pat-ting *ex parte* the debtor.  
Mr. E. J. Grist applied on behalf of the debtor for a receiving order. He said his client's assets were \$100 and his debts \$5,000. Of this amount a sum totalling \$500 was easily recoverable. There were no secured creditors, and the unsecured debts amounted to \$5,000. That showed substantial assets, as the matter was a very small one, and if all his debts were collected there would be more than enough to pay 100 per cent.

His Lordship—What about the debts due to him?

Mr. Grist—He cannot swear they would be recoverable.

His Lordship—I think you must file an affidavit as to what they are.

Debtor was called, and said he was a rent collector receiving \$14 per month.

His Lordship—What are the debts due to you?  
I invested some money in property, and was swindled.

But what are the debts due to you?—A man named Chin borrowed from me a sum of \$400, while another named Po borrowed \$10.

His Lordship—But your debts are \$5,000?

Debtor—I went to Chan Chung-fa's place and asked him to buy a house with me. He ordered me a cup of tea which, as I drank made me drunk, and I became giddy and afterwards unconscious. When I recovered this man asked me to go home. As I went down stairs I came to my recollection that I had with me \$10,000, but on feeling my pockets it was missing. I went upstairs and asked him if he took it. He said—"You gambled and you lost your money." I replied—"I did not gamble; you had better return the money." Then he

returned \$5,000. I said—"You must return the balance of \$5,000."

His Lordship stopped the narrator, and granted the receiving order.

## IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. A. G. WILKIE (PUNISH JUDGE).

## A LIBEL ACTION.

The case was concluded in which Yip Yee, alias Yip Wai-pak of 276, Des Vaux Road Central, managing partner of Wah Yick and Co., sued the Man U Tong Ltd., a company registered under the Companies Act of Hongkong, and having its registered office at 1, Des Vaux Road Central (in liquidation), and A. R. Lowe, liquidator of the said company, for recovery of the sum of \$20,000 as damages for a libel published by the defendant company on March 6th, 1906, in the *Chinese* newspaper, of which the defendant company are proprietors.

Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., instructed by Mr. C. D. Wilkinson (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for the plaintiff, but Counsel and solicitors for the defendants withdrew before the trial.

The following jury was empanelled:—F. F. Boret (foreman), S. D. Hickie, H. F. Jellings, C. Humphreys, H. F. Hickman, A. Stevenson and J. Craik.

The statement of claim set out that the plaintiff was a merchant carrying on business in Vancouver, and temporarily resident at 357, Des Vaux Road Central. The defendants were the proprietors of a Chinese newspaper called the *Chinese*, published in this Colony. On March 6th, 1906, the defendants falsely and maliciously caused to be printed and published in the said newspaper the following article concerning the plaintiff, translated from Chinese into English:—"Sometime ago when I saw your newspaper and *Yau Shu* and *Chai Kung* King, and other newspapers also containing the fact that the members of the Association for the protection of the Emperor have falsely been pretending to be managing the affairs of this railway (meaning the Canton-Hankow railway), and have sent telegrams to various parties pressing for collection of share money raised through commercial societies formed by members of the said Association, I thought that since the treacherous schemes of members in falsely pretending to be managing the affairs of the said railway have been disclosed, made known and attacked by the crownless kings and emperors, etc., the various gentlemen in Canton who are interested in the affairs of the railway would have taken the warning of the said article, and would not have erroneously fallen into the snare set by the members of the said association (meaning that the plaintiff and other members of the said association had on a previous occasion or on previous occasions been guilty of dishonest and disgraceful conduct). This morning I read the *On Ngi* of Canton, which contains a letter from Lsi, Lo, Ling and other members of the General Chamber of Commerce requesting *Ip* so-and-so (meaning the plaintiff), a member of the Association for the protection of the Emperor, to invite shares in America, and which also says that yesterday Lsi and others gave *Ip* a farewell entertainment at Ching Yee Yuen. If this is so the future prospects of the railway will not be worth mentioning. *Ip* was a director of the said association when he was in Canada, but borrowed the name of the association to catch fools (meaning the plaintiff cheated unwary persons). He conspired with Kong, Ng, Tso and his colleagues *Ho* so-and-so and others to outtrap and involve Ma, Pao and Ha in trouble so as to break down the opposition to the *Asia News* Act. This has been published in the *Asia News*. All his evil past acts are known to all men; how could those who manage the affairs of the General Chamber of Commerce have not known them? They have now actually committed into his hands the important task of inviting railway shares. Did they do this purposely or not? From what was contained in your newspaper it can be seen throughout that the members of the association eventually intend to avail themselves of the railway to catch fools. I am warning in caution are those who manage the affairs of the General Chamber of Commerce that they have treated the railway, which is the life and veins of the whole province, as child's play. In my opinion the person who is sent to foreign parts to canvass for shares should be a man of substantial means and established reputation, carefully selected for the appointment. But if such disreputable persons as *Ip* so-and-so are sent out, it is just enough to spoil the railway. Although I am a broker I wish to take 20 shares to fulfil the patriotic duty of a subject of a nation. Now, as the matter was a very small one, and if all his debts were collected there would be more than enough to pay 100 per cent.

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## FUNNELS AND FLAGS.

"SNOGIA" CARCO.  
There are 380 tons of dynamite on board the German steamer *Snogia*, which is bound for Hongkong.

A CARELESS SKIFFER.  
Captain Falsome of the French steamer *Amiral Fourichon* probably will be more careful in making out his manifest in the future. As the result of this carelessness, which has occurred for the second time in Hongkong, he has been fined the sum of \$2,300. When he was in Hongkong before he was warned by Inspector of Immigration Brown that he must be more careful, but without result, and on his last trip he manifested not show the actual facts in regard to the immigrants. The law provides a fine of \$10 for each offence of this kind, and finding that there was no other way in which the French officer could be made to look after his duties properly, the fine was inflicted.

A YACHT CHIFFER SHIP TO BE SOLD.  
The famous clipper ship *Argon*, one of the last built of the smart wooden ships that once made the American merchant marine famous and the Stars and Stripes familiar in every port of the seven seas, is now for sale. She is in the hands of Oakland Creek awaiting a purchaser. Her usefulness as a clipper ship has gone. One—upon a time she earned dividends carrying coal from the Atlantic to the West Indies and returning with a cargo of sugar from Honolulu. Sugar is no longer shipped in wooden vessels, and the *Argon's* owners can no longer use the vessel to any advantage. She cost \$100,000 when she was built in 1883 and it is said that her owners are now considering an offer of \$30,000 for her. She will be used probably in the coast lumber trade, which is profitable, but rather a hand-trump of business for a clipper of the *Argon's* fame and beauty.

A NEW VESSEL.  
Messrs. D. and W. Henderson and Co. (Limited), Patrick, launched April 8th a steel screw steamer, which they have built to the order of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, Japan, through Messrs. A. R. Brown, McFarlane and Co. (Limited), Glasgow, under whose inspection the vessel has been built. The dimensions of the vessel are:—Length between perpendiculars, 101 ft. 6 in.; breadth moulded, 40 ft.; depth moulded, 20 ft. 6 in.; with a gross tonnage of about 2,500 tons. She is built to class 101 A1 Lloyd's, spar-deck class, and also in accordance with the Teikoku rules. Accommodation is provided in staterooms under the fore part of the bridge deck for a limited number of first class passengers, and in addition there is a class passenger room in polished hardwood, of a neat and tasteful design. In a dining-saloon and snook-room in polished hardwood, there is accommodation for sixteen forward staterooms for third-class passengers. Captain, officers, and engineers are berthed amidships, and the seamen and fire crew are berthed in the fore part of the vessel. Special attention has been paid to the accommodation of the seamen, being large, airy, and well ventilated. The vessel is fitted with everything that can add to the comfort of passengers and to the economical working of the ship. The machinery, also constructed by the builders, consists of triple-expansion engines, having cylinders 25 in., 41 in., and 65 in. in diameter respectively, and stroke of 48 inches. There will be two large single-acting cylinders working at a pressure of 185 lb. The vessel is named *Chicago Maru*. The *Chicago Maru* is a sister ship to the *Chikuma Maru*, launched recently by Messrs. Henderson for the same company, and now nearing completion at their Meadowside yard.

MORE SCOTCH BUILDERS.  
Messrs. A. and M. Millar and Son (Limited), Dumbarton, launched on April 8th the steel screw steamer *Glenamoy*, which is the first of two vessels they are building for Canadian owners. The *Glenamoy* is intended for service on the Canadian Lakes. Accommodation is provided for captain with chart-room on top of forecastle while superior accommodation is provided for officers and engineers, the crew being berthed in forecastle. The machinery, which is fitted aft, is being supplied by Messrs. Main and Houston (Limited), Glasgow. The vessel is owned by Messrs. John Reid and Co., Glasgow, and is under the superintendence of Messrs. Dunlop, of Glasgow and Captain Fraser, of the *Argon*, superintendent. The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. Fraser, wife of Captain Fraser. There was launched the same day from the Greenock Dockyard Company the steel screw steamer *Argon*, which has been built to the order of Canadian owners. The vessel, which is of 2,500 tons, is 101 ft. 6 in. between perpendiculars by 27 ft. 6 in. moulded, and has been specially designed to Lloyd's highest class for passenger and cargo carrying trade along the coast of Scotland. Accommodation for a number of first-class passengers has been provided, with a handsomely furnished dining saloon and other accommodation. Machinery for a high rate of speed will be provided by Messrs. Main and Houston (Limited), Glasgow. Two staterooms have been built to the order of the Scotch Fisheries, and the vessel is now being launched from the shipbuilding yard of Messrs. Hall, Russell and Co., Aberdeen, this afternoon. At a luncheon after the launch it was mentioned that this was the third attempt to introduce travelling in the Pacific, and the owner was confident that the venture would be successful.

FLOATING DOCKYARD.  
At the end of this month a vessel will be launched and crewed from her builders to the British Admiralty unlike any ship in any other navy in the world. She will be known as the *Cyclops*, and has been converted from an ocean liner into the finest equipped workshop afloat. The alterations have been carried out at Sunderland, and when the vessel is ready she will have a displacement of 11,000 tons and a maximum speed of 14 knots. She will be fitted with every description of engine and machinery for the repair of warships. In No. 2 hold there is a smithy with six forges, plate furnace, steam hammer, and steel slabs for bending plates and angle bars. The hold next aft contains the heavy machine shops, equipped with lathes, drills, punches, and other machines to cope with large forgings. There is a foundry, equipped with fitted to lift heavy weights. The coppermiths' shop, for boiler repairs, is fitted with forges and slabs, and the carpenter's shop with circular and other machine saws. There are also painters' and plumbers' shops with modern appliances.

On the upper deck are lathes, punching and drilling machines, in positions for dealing with large bolts. The electricians' shop is fitted with lathes and tape-winding inventions for the repair of dynamos and armatures. The *Cyclops*, which in her liner days was known as the *Indra*, will not be regarded as a fighting ship in any sense of the term, and her armament will



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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## TO LET—FURNISHED.

**NO. 2, STEWART TERRACE, PAIR** for Six Months.

Apply to—**P. PAGET HETT**, 39, 41 and 43, Des Vaux Road, Hongkong, 10th May, 1907. 301

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

O. J. No. 120 of 1906.

**THE** Underigned have received instructions from Mr. H. Percy Smith, The Receiver, to sell by Public Auction, On FRIDAY, the 17th May, 1907, at 11 a.m., on board the Steam Launch "HUNG YICK,"

Build of Tekwood in 1901, Length 70 feet, Breadth 14 ft. 4 in., Depth 8 ft. 4 in., Gross Tonnage 65.53, Net 35.96.

Licensed to carry 98 passengers inside the Harbour and 24 outside the Colony. She was recently overhauled by Messrs. Geo. Fenwick & Co.

A Steam launch will leave BLAKE PIKE at 10.45 a.m. to convey intending purchasers.

TERMS: As usual.

**HUGHES & HOUGH**, Auctioneers, Hongkong, 14th May, 1907. 902

**NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.** IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

**THE** Steamship "GNEISENAU,"

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Tobacco and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Thursday, the 9th inst., at 11 a.m.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th inst., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 13th inst., at 9.30 a.m.

All Claims must reach us before the 23rd inst., or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

**NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & Co.**, Agents, Hongkong, 9th May, 1907. 5

## NOTICES OF FIRMS

## NOTICE.

**FROM** This Date M. CLAUDIUS PRAVETUX is authorized to sign our Firm by Procuration.

**HERBERT DENT & CO.**, Canton, 3rd May, 1907. 877

**WE** have this Day authorized Mr. WILHELM HELMS and Mr. FRITZ LEB to sign our Firm.

**ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.**, Hongkong, 6th May, 1907. 886

**NOTICE.** HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

**MR. ROBERT MITCHELL** has this Day ASSUMED CHARGE of the Company as ACTING CHIEF MANAGER during the Absence on leave of Mr. W. WILSON, or until further notice.

By Order of the Board of Directors, **H. P. WHITE**, Chairman, Hongkong, 9th May, 1907. 897

## INSURANCES

**NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.** TOTAL FUNDS at 31st December, 1905, £17,837,119.

I. AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £3,000,000  
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The Underigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

**REUTER, BROECKELMANN & CO.**, Agents, Hongkong, 21st April, 1907. 114

**THE GLOBUS INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.**

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**CARLOWITZ & Co.**, Agents, Hongkong, 13th August, 1906. 29

## INTIMATIONS

**BRITISH STEAMER "NETHERTON."**

**BY ORDER OF THE UNDERWRITERS.** The Underigned are prepared to receive Tenders for the purchase of this Steamer as shown lies at Singapore in a Fire Damaged condition.

**GILMAN & Co.**, Lloyd's Agents, Hongkong, 6th May, 1907. 885

**NOTICE.** **WE** BEG TO NOTIFY our Customers that we have this Day dismissed our Chinese Employee, and beg to request them not to make any payments to him for our account.

**J. BYRAMJEE & Co.**, Successors to P. C. PATELL & Co., Hongkong, 7th May, 1907. 892

**WANTED.** A Young Energetic EUROPEAN CLERK, with Knowledge of Office routine. Only those possessing good references need apply by letter to—

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**WANTED.** A COMPRADORE, having business connections throughout the South of China and able to provide substantial security consisting of landed property in Hongkong to the extent of 10 per cent. of the annual turnover. Good remuneration to a suitable man. First Class references from a Foreign Bank required. Apply by letter only in the first instance to—

**DENNIS & BOWLEY**, Hongkong, 5th April, 1907. 714

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**GRACE & CO.**, Hongkong Hotel Corridor, Hongkong, 22nd April, 1907. 675

**A GRAND PROMENADE CONCERT.** In aid of THE NEW ORGAN FUND, UNION CHURCH, Under the Distinguished Patronage and in the Presence of His Excellency Mr. F. H. MAY, C.M.G., Commander of the Forces, R.N., the Hon. Colonel DARLING, O.C. Troops.

will be given on the VOLUNTEER PARADE GROUND, kindly lent by the Commandant and Officers, H.K. V.C., TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 11th May, 1907, commencing at 9 p.m.

The following Ladies and Gentlemen will assist:—Miss BLAIR, Mrs. R. HANCOCK, Mrs. R. H. NEWBORN, and Messrs. GOLDING, GRACE, LAMMER, JOKL, SUTHERLAND, WORCESTER, and the ALEXANDER QUARTETTE.

If the weather is unfavourable the Concert will take place in the Drill Hall.

Tickets may be obtained from Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and Messrs. MOUTRIE & Co., Ltd.

PRICE ... \$2 each. 881

**TRIBUNAL CONSULAIRE DE FRANCE A FOUTCHEOU.**

**AVIS.** Le Tribunal Consulaire de France a Foutcheou, a par Jugement du 25 Avril 1907, déclaré en état de Faillite le Sr. VETCH (Francis), né le 20 Mars 1874, et en a fixé l'ouverture au 15 Avril dernier.

Les créanciers du failli sont invités à déclarer leurs créances à M. THÉRY, Syndic de la faillite, au Consulat de France. Les débiteurs sont également invités à se libérer entre les mains de M. THÉRY, qui a seul qualité pour leur donner quittance, celle-ci portant également le visa du Juge-Commissaire.

Foutcheou, 25 Avril, 1907.

Le Consul de France, Président du Tribunal Consulaire, **H. BOURGEOIS.**

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**AVIS.** By Judgment of 25th April 1907, the French Consular Court at Foutcheou has found Bankrupt Mr. FRANCIS VETCH, merchant in the above mentioned town, and fixed upon the 15th of April as date of opening of the Bankruptcy.

Creditors are requested to notify their debts to Mr. THÉRY, assignee of the Bankruptcy, at the French Consulate, and debtors to obtain discharge from the said assignee, who is alone qualified to give them receipts which will bear visa of the Commissioner Judge.

Foutcheou, 25th April, 1907.

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**YUET-HAN RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED.**

**NOTICE.** The Attention of the Public is drawn to Clause No. 25 of the YUET-HAN RAILWAY COMPANY'S Regulations:—

"This Company has been formed by Chinese Merchants who shall invite Chinese Subjects only to subscribe for Shares. The Railway shall be constructed by themselves. Foreigners are denied the privilege of subscribing for shares in the Company."

Chinese Subjects who have been naturalized as Subjects of Foreign Countries, shall be recognized as Chinese Subjects by the Company and are allowed to subscribe. Such Shareholders shall be treated as Chinese Subjects and shall not claim the privileges of a Foreign Subject. Should they interfere in any way the Company is hereby empowered to cancel their shares and all interest and privileges with the Company shall be withdrawn from them."

**CHEANG TO CHAI**, President of The Yuet-Han Railway Company Ltd., Canton, 9th April, 1907. 743

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

**CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**AN INTERIM DIVIDEND** of One Shilling and Six Pence per share free of tax for account of year ending 28th February, 1907, has been declared by the Directors of the above Company. Coupon No. 8 is Payable on 1st May at the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, and the Bank of China Bank at Tientsin and Shanghai.

**SHEWAN TOMES & Co.**, Agents, Hongkong, 1st May, 1907. 851

**THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED will be held at the Company's Registered Office No. 2, Queen's Road West, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 14th day of May, 1907, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the proposed Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 27th April, 1907, will be submitted for Confirmation, as Special Resolutions:—

1. That clause 3 of the Memorandum of Association be altered by inserting after the words "the objects for which the Company is established are" the words "Sub-clause A," and by adding at the end of "Sub-clause A" new sub-clauses to be lettered B and C.

(b) To insure against loss or damage by fire all houses and all other buildings and erections, transients, household furniture, goods, wares, merchandise, chattels and effects whatsoever in Hongkong, China, Japan or elsewhere and the pursuit of the business of fire insurance generally and the doing of such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects.

(c) To reinsure any risk in whole or in part.

Dated the 20th day of April, 1907.

By Order of the Board, **CHAU SIU KI**, Secretary.

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 11th day of May, 1907, at Noon for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, of passing the following Resolutions:—

1. That the Directors of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorized by and on behalf of the Shareholders of the Company to take the steps necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hongkong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hongkong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof to effect the amendments necessary to the Ordinance under which the Company is incorporated and carrying on business so as to allow of the capital of the Company being from time to time increased from ten millions of dollars to twenty millions of dollars and also for extending the period of the operation of such Ordinance for a further period of 21 years from and including the 14th day of August 1908.

2. That from the date of such new Ordinance coming into operation and becoming effective the Capital of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation be increased from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 by the creation of 40,000 New Shares of \$125 each to be issued at the price of \$30 on the terms after mentioned. Shareholders on the Eastern Registers to pay for their allotments at the rate of Exchange for the Company's demand Bills on London on the day the instalments are due.

3. That the said New Shares be in the first instance in such manner as the Directors shall prescribe for that purpose, offered to Shareholders in proportion to the number of New Shares for which they are entitled to subscribe on the 31st day of May, 1907. Shareholders shall respectively be the Registered Holders, and that any New Shares not accepted by the Shareholders within the time limited by the Directors for that purpose, be disposed of and allotted by the Directors in such manner and at such price as in their discretion they shall think best in the interests of the Company.

4. That the payment of the sum of £30 per share for each of the said New Shares be made as follows, viz:—

1st instalment of £15 on the 1st day of July, 1907.

2nd and final instalment of £15 on the 1st day of October, 1907.

5. That the Directors issue to Shareholders holding shares not a multiple of two, fractional certificates in respect of each share excess of or below the number of and allot one New Share to every person who shall produce two such Fractional Certificates on or before the 1st day of July, 1907, and pay the first instalment in respect thereof.

6. That after payment of the first instalment and pending payment of the remaining instalment, Scrip Certificates in such form as the Directors may determine be issued in respect of such New Shares entitling the holders on payment of the remaining instalment, and subject to such other terms as to approval, date for lodging scrip certificates and otherwise as the Directors may prescribe, to be registered as the owners of the Shares respectively represented by such Scrip Certificates.

7. That interest at the rate of 5 per centum per annum be allowed out of the profits of the Company on instalments paid in advance of the dates when the same become due, and that registered holders of Scrip Certificates for New Shares be entitled in respect of such New Shares to participate in future dividends on an equality with the old shares, in proportion to the instalments paid up, and from due dates for payment of same.

8. That interest at the rate of 8 per centum per annum be charged on each instalment not punctually paid, and be paid with each such instalment.

9. That all moneys received from premium on the said New Shares be added to the Reserve Funds.

For THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, **J. L. M. SMITH**, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 30th April, 1907. 853

## PUBLIC COMPANIES

**THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO. LIMITED.**

**THE CERTIFICATES** Nos. 7735/7738 dated 1st September, 1902, of the Shares Nos. 876/889, 1483/1495, 1493/1504, 6746/6760 and 1511/1520 in this Company, standing in the name of Mr. ARNOLD DITTMAR of Manila, have been LOST, and if at the expiration of one month from the date hereof, the above Documents be not forthcoming, other Certificates will be issued by the Company, and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

Dated 12th April, 1907.

**GEO. L. TOMLIN**, Secretary.

**THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.**

**LOST.** TWO CERTIFICATES of 50 Shares each standing in the Register of this Company in the name of FUNG MISA SHAN have been LOST.

Scrip No. 951—49851/49900—50 Shares. 952—49901/49950—50 Shares. 100 Shares.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Duplicate Certificates for the said 100 Shares will be issued on the month hereof, and that the Original Certificates, unless produced within that period, will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

**SHEWAN TOMES & Co.**, General Managers, Hongkong, 1st May, 1907. 861

## AUCTIONS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**THE** Underigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (FRIDAY), the 10th May, 1907, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Daddell Street,

A FINE COLLECTION OF JAPANESE CURIOUS AND SILK EMBROIDERIES, Comprising—

SATSUMA A KINKOSAN IMARI PORCELAIN, OLD BRONZES and BRASSES, CLOISONNE and LACQUER WARE, IVORIES and HAND-PAINTED KAKIMONOS, SILK EMBROIDERIES, such as WALL HANGINGS, SCREENS, BED and CUSHION COVERS, MANTEL DRAPERIES, PICTURES, &c., &c. And a Variety of Curious.

TERMS—As usual.

On View from the 7th May, 1907. Catalogues will be issued.

**GEO. P. LAMBERT**, Auctioneer, Hongkong, 4th May, 1907. 874

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**THE** Underigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-DAY (FRIDAY), the 10th May, 1907, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, (Corner of Ice House Street),

**SUNDRY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.** Comprising—

DRAWING ROOM SUITE, IRON and BRASS BEDSTEPS, MARBLE-TOP WASHBASIN, DRESSING TABLE, VERMANTEL, SIDEBOARDS, DOUBLE and SINGLE WARDROBES, EXTENSION DINING TABLE, BOOK CASES, TEAKWOOD WRITING DESKS, CARPETS, RUGS, VIENNA and OFFICE CHAIRS, CROCKERY and GLASS WARE, CHEST-OF-DRAWERS, ELECTRIC FANS, COOKING STOVE, PICTURES, COPYING PRESSES, &c., &c.

TERMS—As usual.

**HUGHES & HOUGH**, Auctioneers, Hongkong, 8th May, 1907. 836

**C. DE M. C. VIEIRA-RIBEIRO**, Auctioneer.

**FAVoured** with instructions, will sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 11th May, 1907, at 2.30 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, No. 8, Queen's Road Central, **JAPANESE CURIOUS,** Comprising—

SATSUMA, CLOISONNE, BRONZE and BRASS WARE, SCREENS and FIRE SCREENS, FRAMES, PICTURES, TEA SETS, &c., &c.

TERMS—As usual.

**HONGKONG, 8th May, 1907.** 899

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**THE** Underigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, On WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY, the 22nd and 23rd May, 1907, at 10 a.m., each day, at H.M. NAVAL YARD, **SUNDRY CONDEMNED NAVAL AND OLD SURPLUS VICTUALLING STORES.** Comprising—

CONDEMNED NAVAL STORES—IRON and WOOD BLOCKS, HOOKS, METAL FITTINGS, LAMPS, TOOLS, FILES, BOILERS, OLD IRON and METAL, ELECTRIC CABLE, CANVAS RAGS, COAL SACKS, OLD INDIA RUBBER, OLD BOATS, FURNITURE, CARPETS, PAPERSTUFF, &c.

OLD AND SURPLUS VICTUALLING STORES—BISCUITS, BEDDING, JACKETS, KNEE BOOTS, JERSEYS, BLANKETS, TOBACCO, MESS TRAPS, &c.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE—As Customary.

**HUGHES & HOUGH**, Government Auctioneers, Hongkong, 9th May, 1907. 832

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**NOW** in the occupation of Dr. Harston with Six Excellent Rooms and Servants' Quarters, etc.

Very suitable for bachelor men. **PERCY SMITH & SETH**, 5, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 6th May, 1907. 880

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**ONE OFFICE-ROOM** on Second Floor PRINCE'S BUILDINGS.

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**WITH POSSESSION FROM 1st JUNE—** IN WANCHAI ROAD. **GODOWN**, built of brick with tiled roof, just thoroughly repaired, about 4000 square feet space, concrete flooring. Suitable for storage of any kind of merchandise.

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**IMMEDIATELY**, the Capacious Premises on the Ground-floor of No. 2, PEDDER STREET, at present occupied by Messrs. Harris Keeney Co., Ltd.

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## TO LET.

**NOS. 3 and 4, OBSERVATORY VILLAS**, Kowloon. Moderate Rental. Tennis Court and Electric Lights.

Apply to—**ARRATON V. APCAR & Co.**, 45, Wyndham Street, Hongkong, 2nd May, 1907. 860

## TO LET.

**"STONHEVED"** 35, Robinson Road. Nos. 27, 29 and 31, SEYMOUR ROAD. 3 New houses in KENNEDY ROAD, near Wan Chai.

Apply to—**SAM WANG CO. LTD.**, 81, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 13th November, 1906. 103

## TO LET.

**2ND FLOOR** No. 12, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL. No. 33, CAINE ROAD. GREENCROFT, GARDEN ROAD. Kowloon, Redecorated, Electric Light, Tennis Court.

Apply to—**LEIGH & ORANGE**, 1, Des Vaux Road, Hongkong, 3rd May, 1907. 94

## TO LET.

**GROUND FLOOR** of No. 4, Des Vaux Road including a Strong Room and servants' quarters. ROOMS on Second Floor of VICTORIA BUILDING, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, suitable for Offices.

Apply to—**DAVID SASSOON & Co. LTD.**, Hongkong, 25th April, 1907. 821

## TO LET.

**NO. 1, WEST END TERRACE**, Shamson, Canton.

Apply to—**HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.**, Hongkong, 1st May, 1907. 91

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